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1. 26 September 1952. Between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., there was individual flying by 3 or 4 jet bombers of both types at Minsterwalde airfield. Not more than two planes were aloft at the same time. The aircraft made local flights of about 6 minutes. They had their landing gears extended. After midday, a jet bomber with a retracted landing gear made flights of about 15 minutes.
- 27 September. There was air activity between 7:40 a.m. and 2 p.m. The planes had their landing gears extended while making local flights of about 6 minutes.
- 28 September. No air activity.
- 29 September. Between 8 and 9 a.m., 15 take-offs and landings were made by jet bombers with extended landing gears. Longer flights were made by individual planes between 2 a.m. and 3 p.m. A B-25 plane towing a sleeve target flew over the town between 12 and 12:15 p.m. There was local flying by jet bombers between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. A Yak-14 plane coming from the north landed at the field at 5 p.m. and took off at about 5:20 p.m.
- 30 September. Between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., short local flights were made by a least four jet bombers.
- 1 October. Flying was practiced between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- 3 October. A B-25 plane took off at 8:40 a.m. and landed after about 5 minutes. At 8:45 a.m., four IL-28 jet bombers took off within one minute and headed west. The planes retracted their landing gears immediately after the take-off. Immediately after the four planes took off, a B-25 plane took off, also heading west. Another four jet bombers took off at 9 a.m. within one minute and headed west. After about 20 minutes, the jet bombers landed at the field. After another interval of 5 to 10 minutes, further take-offs were made so that four planes were always aloft at the same time. Local flying was practiced between 2:30 and 3 p.m. In addition to the jet bombers, at least eight Pe-2s were counted at the field.

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5 October. No air activity.

6 October. Between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was local flying by aircraft with extended landing gears. An IL-28 jet bomber was also observed aloft making flights of about 20 minutes. Between 5 and 5:30 p.m., 9 jet bombers of both types and 8 Pe-2s were counted at the field.

7 October. There was no air activity in the morning. At 2:45 p.m., jet planes took off.

2. 28 September. No air activity. Two B-25s and 10 jet bombers in two groups of five were parked in front of the hangars.

30 September. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m., there was air activity by jet bombers. Local flights were made in the morning and a V formation of three jet bombers was observed flying in the afternoon. A B-25 plane towing a slave target flew over the town at 4 p.m. and landed at the field at 4:30 p.m.

2 October. There was local flying by two jet bombers and two B-25 planes. Individual jet bombers made cross-country flights.

6 October. Between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., jet bombers practiced local flying.¹

3. Between 28 September and 6 October, 15 to 20 tents were observed on the northern edge of the field. The AA gun emplacement was vacant.^{2, 3}

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1. [] Comment. The local flights were probably made by pilots who have been retrained on IL-28s for a short period.

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2. [] Comment. The AA gun emplacement was reportedly evacuated on 25 September 1952. An AA shipment from Finsterwalde airfield observed on 23 September was probably connected with the evacuation. []

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3. [] Comment. No change was observed in the occupation of Finsterwalde airfield. The two bomber regiments are equipped with about 12 IL-28s and about 15 Pe-2s. It is believed that some of the planes which were not observed on the dispersal areas were parked in the hangars.

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